

# **The William J. Hughes Technical Center**

## **“SPEAKERS SERIES”**

### **Presents**

**Patricia "Patti" Grace Smith**

**Associate Administrator for  
Commercial Space Transportation**

### **Topic:**

## **Commercial Space Transportation: Ready for the Next Giant Leap**

**"Space... the final frontier."** SpaceShipOne has just claimed the \$10-million X-Prize for being the first private space vehicle to carry the equivalent of three people to an altitude of 62 miles twice in two weeks. Administrator Blakey and Patti Grace Smith Associate Administrator for Commercial Space Transportation were on hand in Mojave, California to witness this historic event. Patti will describe the 20-year history of the Office of Commercial Space Transportation regulating the commercial space launch industry to protect public safety as well as the exciting new developments in reusable launch vehicles that are guiding the way to the future.

Patti has had a long and distinguished career with the DOT and the FAA beginning as Associate Managing Director of OCST in 1994. In November 1995 she was named Deputy Associate Administrator for Commercial Space Transportation (AST) joining the ranks of the Senior Executive Service. In June, 1998 Ms. Smith was named FAA Associate Administrator for Commercial Space Transportation, a position she now holds.

Let's welcome Patti and listen as she describes the vision and challenges that commercial space transportation will bring.

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